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STATUS REPORT - CONSOLIDATED FIRE, SHERIFF, AND OFFICE OF PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM PROJECT (CFSCS)

On November 29, 2005, your Board approved an agreement with RCC Consultants Inc. (RCC) to develop a technical scope of work and evaluation tools for a Request for Proposal (RFP) to acquire a Consolidated Fire, Sheriff, and Office of Public Safety Communications System (CFSCS). The CFSCS Executive Committee, consisting of representatives from Sheriff, Office of Public Safety (OPS), Fire, Chief Executive Office (CEO), Chief Information Office (CIO), and Internal Services Department (ISD), continues to oversee this project.

This is the fourth status report on this project.

Accomplishments

- Work continues on development of the functional requirements for the CFSCS RFP. Requirements for mobile data and computer aided dispatch have been completed, and development of the voice radio requirements began the week of June 4, 2007.
- Based on prior Board approval, RCC's contract was amended to develop specifications for a Records Management System (RMS) to incorporate in the CFSCS RFP. A Request for Information (RFI) was issued, resulting in responses from 18 interested vendors. Each vendor presented an overview of their offerings to the RMS team and functional requirements are currently being developed for inclusion in the CFSCS RFP.

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- The Regional Interoperability Steering Committee adopted "Los Angeles Regional Interoperability Communications System (LA-RICS)" as the name of the regional communications system.
- The City of Los Angeles has accepted an award of \$2,500,000 from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Office of Domestic Preparedness (ODP), under the Federal fiscal year 2006 Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) grant program to support the development of a single platform interoperable communication system within the Los Angeles Region. The award will be administered by the Sheriff's Department on behalf of LA-RICS and the County. A Memorandum of Understanding is being developed between the City and County to address the use of the funds.
- A contract with RCC was approved by the Board on May 15, 2007, to satisfy the requirements of the UASI grant, which calls for completion of a detailed needs analysis and development of a regional RFP within nine months. While the grant permits nine months for development of the RFP, the LA-RICS Technical Committee will work with RCC to complete the RFP as quickly as possible, with a goal of issuing the RFP in January 2008.
- The CFSCS Executive Committee continues to work with regional stakeholders, including members of LA-RICS and Interagency Communications Interoperability System (ICIS) to integrate the various planning efforts underway.
- The LA-RICS Legislative Advocacy Sub-Committee has developed a communications plan for elected officials, the public safety community, and external stakeholders. The "One Vision, One System" brochure has been completed and is currently being distributed. Additional collateral material continues to be developed and will be presented to stakeholders as appropriate.

Decisions Reached

While the original goal of the CFSCS Executive Committee was to finalize the CFSCS RFP by July 2007, the emergence of the LA-RICS effort presents the County with a unique opportunity to participate in the development of a system that can serve all first responders in the Los Angeles Region. Consequently, the CFSCS Executive Committee has reached consensus on the following items:

- The CFSCS RFP will not be released in July 2007 as originally planned.
- The County will continue to participate in the LA-RICS regional effort and will plan to incorporate the County's functional requirements into the LA-RICS regional RFP, which will not be released until at least January 2008.
- Los Angeles County Fire and Sheriff's Departments will consider alternatives to meet any short or intermediate needs that will be impacted by the delay in issuance of the RFP.
- Should the LA-RICS effort not proceed as expected, the CFSCS Executive Committee will be prepared to issue its own RFP as appropriate.

Goals for Next Quarter

- RCC will develop voice requirements for the CFSCS over the next several months. The voice requirements are expected to be completed by September 2007. This will put development of the CFSCS requirements approximately three months behind the original schedule; however, there will be no increase in costs related to this delay. The CFSCS Executive Committee feels that giving the users this additional time to define their needs will benefit the overall project and will not delay issuance of the LA-RICS RFP.
- RCC will begin an analysis of user needs and surveys of potential radio sites for LA-RICS.
- The LA-RICS Legislative Advocacy Sub-Committee will continue to coordinate Federal advocacy efforts to develop a funding strategy with the County and other stakeholders.

Questions on these or other issues may be directed to Ms. Sheila Williams in the CEO's office at (213) 974-1323.

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